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THE HERALD IN BROOKLYN.

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THE NEWS.

The cable telegrams are dated April 8. Reports were current yesterday in London that Prime Minister Serrano and Admiral Topete Would probably resign, and that a directory was being formed to take control of the Spanish government. Objections to the new constitution are taken by republican members of the Cortes. The government as expressed its determination to allow no amendments which might have a tendency to alter the

The Parisian police dispersed a number of public gatherings yesterday and many arrests were made. The Austrian army is to be reduced on the score

The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday pre-Parliament. The estimates for the past year were £73,000,000, while the receipts were only £72,500,000. The estimates for the present fiscal year are pense of the Abyssinian expedition is set down at £9,000,000, of which £4,000,000 remains unpaid. Mr. Lowe regarded the present mode of collecting taxes unsatisfactory, and proposed to collect the assessed taxes by means of excise licenses granted at the commencement of each year. The income tax to be collected in the same way.

The Administrative Council of the Captain Gene ral has declared the proposition to confiscate the property of all absent Cubans to be unprecedentedly

A very formidable expedition to aid the insurgents is fitting out in New Orleans. General Frank P. Blair and General J. B. Steedman are reported to be among the prominent movers in the matter, and the steamship Cuba is to be used as a transport for the conveyance of the expedition.

Congress. In the Senate vesterday Mr. Trumbull, from the Judiciary Committee, made a report recommending that the consideration of the President's Message relative to constitutional elections in Virginia and Mississippi be postponed until December. Mr. Conk-ling reported the bill to encourage yachting, with an amendment extending additional privileges to yachts and yacht clubs. Mr. Sumner proposed to rescind the adjournment resolution, and stated that under existing laws the President had full power to submit the constitutions of Virginia and Mississippi to the people of those States without further legislation on the subject. At the expiration of the morning hous the bill to amend the act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco was taken up and Mr. Sprague made his promised speech. The House bill relative to Virginia, Mississippi and Texas was laid on the table. In the evening session the Whiskey Tax bill was further amended and the River and Harbor Ap

propriation bill was passed.

In the House the President's message was referred to the Reconstruction Committee, which immediately reported a bill authorizing, in accordance President's recommendations, the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas to the people, and the election of State officers and Congressmen. The bill was then passed by a vote of 124 to 24. Mr. Hoge, of S. C., and Mr. Sheldon, of La., were admitted to seats, their claims heretofore having been contested.

The Legislature.

A message from the Governor was received in the Senate yesterday recommending the building of ad-ditional prisons. Bills were reported favorably relative to the New York Preumatic Despatch Company; relative to assessments in New York; regulating the sale of theatre tickets; incorporating the Shipown-ers' Association; relative to the collection of ship news in this harbor (reported for consideration), and several others. Bills were reported adversely for a new market in New York; regulating the panies and amending the charter of Brooklyn was made the special order for to-day.

A vote is to be taken next Wednesday. The

Three Tier Railroad bill, passed by the Assembly, was ordered to the Committee of the Whole. Sev-eral bills were introduced. Bills for the more effectual suppression and punishment of bribery and

authorizing the charter election of this city at the same time as the general election were passed.

A resolution was adopted by the Assembly making the bill relative to the amended State constitution the special order for Tuesday evening next. Severa bills of minor importance were passed. latied to have the Central Ratiroad Stock bill read the third time. At the evening session the bill legalizing the issue of the eighty per cent stock dividend by the Central Railroad was passed by a vote

Miscellaneous.

An awful calamity occurred in the Globe Hill mines, in Nevada, on Wednesday. A fire broke out in the Yellow Jacket mine and immediately extended to the Kentuck and Crown Point mines It is not known how many persons were working in them at the time, but over thirty dead bodies were recovered during the after-noon and evening. Every effort was made by those outside to extinguish the flames and to save human Virginia Ct y was deserted, nearly every resi-

The Senate confirmed a large batch of nomine tions yesterday, among them Edwards Pierrepont as Attorney and James Wadsworth as Marshal o the Southern district of New York, Edward L. Plumb as Consul General at Havana, and John W. Douglass as Deputy Commissioner of Internal Reve

nue, vice Harland. It is believed in Washington that a general change of officers in the Internal Revenue Bureau will be made, irrespective of their former political standing. The pressure of office-seekers render new ap-

pointments imperative.

George S. Twitchell, who was to have been hanged in Philadelphia yesterday for the murder of Mrs. Hill, his mother-in-law, committed suicide in his cell on Wednesday night by taking arsenic, Gerald Eaton, who murdered Tim Heenan, was executed at one P. M. and met his death coolly.

Horatio Seymour is in Chicago fully recovered from the injuries he received recently in a ratiroad accident,

A young man named Thomas was found at the back door of his house, near the old church in Bergen square, Bergen, yesterday morning at daybreak badly beaten. His watch, pocketbook and shirt studs were missing. He remains in a very critical condidition, unable to give a collected account of the affair, which is one of the deepest mystery. Rev. Mr. Marshall, a Catholic priest and pastor in

Chicago, is charged with the forgery of the name of his predecessor to an express receipt for a quantity man. A warrant is out for his arrest.

The Chicago citizens are continuing their preparations for a grand celebration of the opening of the shall eclipse all preceding celebrations of that kind.

The City.

It is said that Captain John S. Young, the late chief of detectives, has commenced action against the Board of Police Commissioners to compel it to vacate the judgment that dismissed him from the

Some mischievous person threw a Union torpedo into the heater in the public school No. 1, in North Seventh street, Williamsburg, yesterday, and on hearing the explosion a panic seized on the pupils in the building. The teachers, with great presence of mind, restrained them, however, and closed the doors against a frantic crowd of people who gathered in alarm outside. Policemen finally restored quiet, and the excitement was only abated after an investigation took place. Several of the children were badly hurt.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday Judge Blatchford denied the motion for a stay of proceedings in the case of Fisk, Jr., against the Union Pacific Railroad Company. In the Supreme Court the case was called up, and Judge Barnard declared that he would not be controlled by the late decision of Judge Blatchford annulling the proceedings in the State courts, which he looked upon as mere dicta. If the case was to be proceeded with he would continue to hear it. The further hearing of the case was adjourned to April 21.

In the Brooklyn Court of Sessions yesterday Thomas McCann was sentenced to twenty years at Sing Sing for highway robbery.

The steamship William Penn, Captain Billinge, will

leave pier No. 3 North river at two P. M. to-morrow for Liverpool direct.

independently of New York Central, which fluctu ated between 166 and 163%. Gold was higher, closing finally at 132%.

Prominent Arrivals in the City.

Count D. Moksantaff, of Alaska; General Benhan of the United States Army, and ex-Postmaster General Randall, of Washington, are at the Astor House. George H. Norman, of Newport, R. L.; Tho. Oxnard, of Boston, and R. D. Hubbard, of New Haven, Conn., are at the Hoffman House,

Congressman Oakes Ames, of Massachusetta; W. McDougal, of Montreal; Captain Mason and Lieutenant Edwards, of the English Army, and Com-M. B. Medliycott, of the Royal Navy, are at the Hoff-

Dr. W. Buck and Captain A. L. Lippincott, of Philadelphia, and R. Medina, of Mexico, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Major D. A. Coe, of Nevada; Henry Yates and E. Sherwood, of Illinois, are at the St. Charles Hotel. Captain Palmer, of Stonington; Captain J. McCauley, of the steamer Samaria; J. L. Little and Charles J. Harvey, of London, are at the New York

Captains C. B. Templar and N. A. Miles, of the United States Army, and H. Bigelow, of Boston, are at the Brevoort House.
Colonel Thomas B. Marsh, of New York, is at the

Prominent Departures.

Major B. J. Levy and Mr. Charles Johnson left yes erday for Washington; Judge Mackland and J. H. Warren, for Troy; Governor Burnside, for Rhode Island; G. H. Bigelow, for Binghampton; J. E. McDowell, Dr. Henry, Dr. Young and H. Burroughs for Philadelphia; J. Schoenberg, for Pittsburg. Ex-Collector Smythe sailed in the Deutschland for

THE ENGLISH BUDGET .- The Right Honor able the Chancellor of the Exchequer submitted the annual budget of Great Britain to Parliament yesterday, keeping the general expenditure of the country separate from the charges of the Abyssinian war. Mr. Lowe estimates the revenue of the year at seventythree million pounds, which he hopes will balance a treasury deficit and clear the cost of the operations in Africa. The assessed taxes and income tax are set forth as the chief sources of income. Mr. Lowe proposes to repeal the import duty on corn-a boon to the people, but bad for the home agricultural interest-and the fire insurance duties, and rearrange the pressure of some minor charges, so that, on the whole, his plan appears wellintentioned at least.

COUNTER REVOLUTION IN SPAIN. - The Spanish revolution which deprived Queen Isabella of her throne appears as being rapidly overlapped by a new revolutionary agitation which bids fair to prevent the restoration of order and executive consolidation. Three public meetings were dispersed by armed force yesterday in Madrid. Marshal Serrano and Admiral Topete are about to resign their portfolios, and the government is being concentrated to the form of a close directory, perhaps in feeble imitation of that which prevailed in France after her terrible political convulsion.

A PLUNDER JOB ALL ROUND-The Tax Levy. The sooner the Legislature admissters the pill the better. Our taxpayers will be obliged to swallow it sooner or later, bitter or sugarcoated. Therefore send it along.

General Grant on Reconstruction-The Two

Houses on the Measure The message of General Grant to the two houses of Congress in reference to the restoration of Virginia and Mississippi is that of a practical statesman, who seeks in this work to temper justice with kindness and conciliation and to reach the end desired by the shortest way. He proposes that the State constitution adopted some time ago by the convention elected on that subject in Virginia, and that the constitution in like manner adopted in Mississippi, but rejected by the people, shall be submitted to the people, with a provision for a separate vote on certain sections relating to disfranchisement, &c. By this method, even with the rejection of such sections, the constitution in each case will be morally certain of a ratification, upon which the two States concerned may at the next session of Congress be restored to their proper relations with the general government, and this is the argument of the President in support of his recommendations.

The plan here proposed in regard to both Virginia and Mississippi is the shortest and most practical line of action that could be devised, and there is no good reason why it should not at once be adopted by both houses. The House of Representatives has promptly responded in the passage of a bill-yeas 120, nays 24-reported from the Reconstruction Committee, and providing for elections in Virginia, Mississippi and Texas (the three outside States), in accordance with the President's message, for the purpose of ratifying the constitutions framed by the conventions in those States respectively. The President is authorized to make his own arrangements for these elections, and the constitutions are to be submitted in the lump, or in several parts, as he may deem most expedient. One hundred and twenty to twenty-four is a good endorsement from the House of the policy of the message, which may be briefly summed up as the policy of a general amnesty and political rehabilitation to the Southern rebel whites in consideration of a recognition by them of the equal civil and political rights of the blacks. We have this policy already practically illustrated in the appointment of the late distinguished rebel General Longstreet (white man) to a fat office in New Orleans, vis-à-vis with Monsieur

Joubert (black man) to another fat office. In the Senate Mr. Trumbull, in pursuance of instructions, reported from the Committee on the Judiciary in favor of a postponement of any further reconstruction legislation till December next. In support of this proposition it was contended by several Senators that the President in existing laws possessed the necessary authority to act according to the suggestions of his message: but Mr. Sumner, in view of further legislation. moved to rescind the joint resolution for a final adjournment of this session on Saturday. He earnestly contended that further legislation was urgently needed to rescue the outside Southern States from anarchy. His motion, however, was overruled; but it is probable that the Senate in taking up the House bill to-day will proceed to consider it and pass it before the final adjournment. For this purpose, if required, two or three days more, no doubt, will be consented to by the House, There would be no difficulty if they had in the Senate the short cut of the House called the previous question; but they have not, and so in the Senate a bill can be pushed through only by sitting out and exhausting the oppos-

ing minority. We are glad to see that upon this question Mr. Brooks, of New York, has taken a democratic step forward. He said, in the short debate before the House, that in committee he had reluctantly consented to this bill as a choice of evils between the one tyrant of the White House over the South and the many-headed tyrant of Congress. This is a very good idea, Mr. Brooks, of doing the best you can under existing facts too, that of turning over this matter of Southern reconstruction to the discretion of the President. We say good because, although his policy is not exactly the policy of Andy Johnson, we think it will work well upon the basis of the restoration of Southern white men's rights while enforcing Southern black men's rights. Thus the pressure of events bears down all opposing party notions and obstructions, and while the democrats are compelled practically to recognize the civil and political equality of the "everlasting nigger" as a fixed fact the extreme radicals are compelled to recognize this other fixed fact, that even the late Southern rebels have certain rights which white men are bound to respect, and that the Southern carpet-baggers must prepare for the

SUICIDE AND HANGING. -George S. Twitchell, who was to have been hanged in Philadelphia vesterday for the murder of Mrs. Hill. was found dead in his cell before the hour of execution arrived, under circumstances which leave little doubt that he committed suicide by poison, conveyed to him by some one of the latest visitors who bade him farewell. Justice is thus deprived of its victim, and it is probable that the exact circumstances attending the murder will never be known. Jerry Eaton, convicted of the murder of Timothy Heenan, suffered the extreme penalty of the law, his last words to the Sheriff being in assertion of his innocence. Previous to Eaton's being taken to the gallows Twitchell addressed him in words which leave no doubt that he was fully aware that the means of suicide were completely within his reach and effectual for the end.

DONE FOR .- What's the use? Year after year the same effort must be repeated to save Broadway, and people at last may naturally doubt whether Broadway is worth it. Just at present the appearance is that the railroad bandits are successful and that the great street of the metropolis has fairly been given over into their hands. Broadway will be ruined for certain purposes it now answers: but then for those particular purposes we must make another Broadway. So the evil may further improvement.

WHY NOT TEXAS?-No good reason can be urged for the restoration of Virginia and Mississippi that does not equally apply to Texas, and it is hard to see why Grant omits that State. Perhaps he wishes to keep that case open as a door to Mexico.

Fish, Jr., and the Union Credit Pacific

The great battle which has lately been waged between "Prince Erie" and the Union Pacific appeared for a time to have reached a vanishing point. The spectators of the strife saw nothing but a vapor hovering over the field, and surmounting it, in all the dignity of official position, Judge Blatchford, who decided that all the proceedings before Judge Barnard were null and void. Broken safes, grim-looking cyclops with massive hammers, policemen, railroad speculators, company officers, enraged stockholders, directors with their fingers up to their noses, Crédit Mobilier, contractors and Congressmen were dimly traced in the vapor as it essayed to vanish in the direction of the river Styx. But the end is not yet. Judge Barnard declared yesterday that the decision of Judge Blatchford does not affect the matter at issue; that it was a mere dicta, and that if that decision ever had any weight in a legal point of view he would not be controlled by it, as he recognized no superior judicial authority save that emanating from the Court in General Term, the Court of Appeals of the State and the Supreme Court of the United States.

The battle thus far, however, has had its good results, and has shown the necessity of a thorough examination into the affairs of the Union Pacific Railroad. The government should take prompt action in the matter before the country is defrauded of its entire direct interest in the road. In one sense Fisk, Jr., made his point. He has shown that he is a stockholder of the company, and, from the evidence given before Judge Barnard, proves the company to be a gigantic fraud. On the other hand, he has opened the door to numerous suits at law, tiresome and disgusting to all except those whose pockets are filled by the contending parties. But in its present phase this railroad war begins to look like a very large "corner," a Wall street campaign against a huge corporation whose corruptions have opened the door to attack from any speculators bold enough to make the venture.

The Union Pacific Company was originally

organized by some needy adventurers who found it necessary to entice some respectable merchants and capitalists into the ring to give it character; but they took good care to let no one in who could interfere with their management or control the enterprise. They wanted names and they got them. This was a nucleus for Wall street, for Congressional action and for public faith. The railway mountebanks have played upon this threestringed instrument, and have delighted the country with the variety of tunes at their command. The Crédit Mobilier, however, was a variation that the common people could not comprehend, and, therefore, we have had to explain it lately. Now, with all the dances, anvil choruses and requiems, we come to what may be a shifting of the scenes to make room for opéra bouffe on a grand scale. All this great railroad war may be a feint, caused by a combination of the Pacific Railroad adventurers, with Fisk, Jr., to get the staid old merchants out of the company. Disgusted with the exposé made by the late legal onslaught, and the consequent handling of their mercantile credit without gloves, they may naturally wish to retire from such bad society and, once more asking pardon for discovered sin, pocket the immense gains of the past five years and consecrate the rest of their virtuous days to the support of the Gospel and the sending of missionaries to the South Sea Islands. This would be a very appropriate expenditure of the dividends declared from the financial fleecing of Uncle Sam. Honorably retiring from the Pacific arena, Fisk, Jr., may then step in, join the Erie road to the great through route to the Pacific Ocean, and in this way connect New York with San Francisco. An unbroken management under the honest administration of the present governing element would then give to the country the full meaare of its great hopes with iron road across the Continent. Erie, as we stated some time since, looks to a continuous line to San Francisco. It would be difficult to accomplish its aims in a direct manner, owing to the great opposition which exists on the part of competing roads. It will not be strange, therefore, if the sequel to the great railway war now raging proves that it is all a part of a well-digested plan on the part of the contestants for the purpose we have

FATAL MINING DISASTER. -- One of the most lamentably fatal mining casualties which has ever occurred in the territory of the United States, by which the lives of thirty-six men were sacrificed, took place by fire yesterday morning in the Nevada gold mines. Our telegraphic advices from San Francisco detail the consequences of this calamity fully. They do not attempt a conjecture as to the cause. Did the companies working the mines have them under a proper inspectorship? Were the miners furnished with safety lamps? Was any system of ventilation maintained? If these requisites were neglected who is answerable for the lives of the thirty-six men and the relief of their widows and orphans?

THE SCHOOL MONEY. - Boese's resignation is the first fact we have seen justifying suspicion that he has listened to the ring men and entered into their game. We believe the fight began in an effort to secure his place for some one else. Unable to vote Boese down in the Board, the ring went to the Legislature to get the Board so reconstructed that Boese's place should be at their disposal, giving out an intimation that if they could have the place on any other terms they would give over their efforts in the Legislature. Now they get the place on these other terms by Boese's retirement-that is, through Boese's assent. He would, then, rather accept their terms than a new law.

Two MILLIONS FOR PEACE WITH THE IN-DIANS.—"Let us have peace" with the Indians. In the House of Representatives on Tuesday the amendment placing at the disposal of the President two million dollars to preserve peace with the Indians was agreed to. The sum in question is but a bagatelle in comparison with the incalculable expense already incurred by the United States government in Indian wars. In the hands of President Grant these two millions, we may feel confident, will not be wasted in providing blankets, rum, rifles and ammunition to enable the Indians to prolong, to the advantage of Indian agents and traders, the wearisome and costly controversy between barbarism and civilization. Whether the followers of William Penn or the soldiers of Phil Sheridan, Quaker guns or Springfield breechloaders, shall be entrusted with the task of effectually terminating our Indian troubles, we may now hope that it will at length be accomplished.

The Approaching Termination of the Paraguayan War.

The news from Rio Janeiro states that a commission is en route for Paraguay with propositions for the termination of the war. The main features of the proposed treaty are the independence of Paraguay, free river navigation and the renunciation of the Paraguayan claims to a portion of the Gran Chaco and Matto Grosso. The Gran Chaco bounds Paraguay on the west and is a vast desert and disputed territory between the Argentine Republic, Bolivia and Paraguay. Matto Grosso, a Brazilian province, is only in dispute with reference to its southern boundary line. Brazil claims the line of the Apa and Paraguay claims the line of the Rio Blanco and Ybineima-a strip which includes over twenty thousand square miles, or nearly one-third of the Paraguayan territory, as hitherto conceded by all the best maps.

Thus the allies terminate their great struggle. To this inglorious end comes the famous secret treaty of May 1, 1865; and thus the views we have always held-that the objects of the war as expressed in that treaty would never be accomplished—are confirmed. It has been our delight occasionally to flaunt this civilized treaty in the face of this century; for it bears the impress of European monarchical manufacture—a curious infringement upon the treaty for Mexican intervention by England, France and Spain. No danger, however, of a suit for damages; for the letters patent are royal and monarchical and the Paraguayan war is waged in that interest. To quote the words of Mr. E. A. Hopkins, a

celebrated American pioneer, whose single efforts have carried with them much of the destiny of La Plata valley, "The Rio de la Plata has been the focus of European intrigue since 1807, and systematic effort has been made to subject these countries to monarchical influences." How true this is may be proven by the fact that after the date of their independence, first the Braganzas reclaimed the right to rule, then Napoleon wanted Joseph to be King of Spanish America. The empire overthrown. France again offered to support the Duke d'Orleans, Prince de Lucci, and even Don Francisco de Paulo, brother of Ferdinand VII., in an imperial effort. Upon the failure of the Whitlock English expedition against Buenos Ayres England intrigued with the King of Portugal, then resident in Brazil, to create an independent throne for Dona Carlota Joaquina or for her cousin Don Carlos. This lady of the Spanish Bourbons was first the wife of the Prince Regent, and afterwards of the Infant Don Pedro of Braganza. The Brazilian Court entered heartily into the scheme. The whole of the Portuguese and Brazilian troubles with Uruguay, which have finally culminated in the Paraguayan war, began through these complications. It is too long a story to trace the constant intrigues of England, which have been a fruitful source of troubles on the Plata river from that date to the present. It may be stated, however, that British influence has never been exercised there except for the promotion of British interests. For a long time the Plata valley was the scene of warlike and diplomatic efforts on the part of England and France for commercial supremacy, and even to-day the commercial struggle continues, although in a more peaceable manner.

The little republic of Uruguay was long since completely prostrate. It has been the battle ground, first of Portugal and Spain, in their early contests in the New World, and then of France, England, Brazil and the Argentine Republic in their ambitious territorial, comercial and monarchical struggles for the possession of a valley in no way inferior to the great basin of the Mississippi. Paraguay, feeling that her turn for the same process of emasculation that has swept over Uruguay was threatened, battled boldly against it. Entity or nonentity appears to be her war cry, and she does well. She may be all that spiritual, mental and physical enslavement can make of a naturally docile and obedient people; she may be governed by as bloody a despot as ever disgraced even the pages of Argentine or Banda Oriental history; but she defends a glorious principle, which, however well it may be applied in Europe, as in the case of Poland, is foreign to this Continent. That principle is, no nation or combination of nations have a right to dictate to any people what shall be their form of government. Europe tried such dictation in Mexico and signally failed through the interference of the United States. A similar attempt at dictation is being tried in South America, and hitherto, to our shame, we have quietly seen it progress in the interests of Brazilian and European imperialism.

But while negotiations for peace are pending the Paraguayan despot makes bold front and holds the Brazilian forces closely packed upon the sands around his desolated and sacked capital. The Brazilian field marshal has retreated to Rio Janeiro in disgust. The leader of the Argentine troops has quitted his command and gone to Buenos Ayres. The allied army is dispirited with the loss of balf its number in the late campaign; the cholera is in their midst; their countrymen in Brazil and the Argentine Republic are fleeing to the interior to escape a merciless conscription; discontent and recriminations are met on all sides; the army threatens to disband, that the common soldiers may follow the commanders who have deserted their posts. In addition Lopez is at the head of five thousand men, and, well fortified, awaits an allied advance towards the interior; waits for them to leave the cover of their iron-clads; waits for them to fulfil article six of the allied treaty, which says that "the allies solemnly agree not to lay down their arms except by common consent and until they overthrow the actual government of Paraguay.

DURANCE VILER THAN USUAL. - Freedom Is the cheapest thing we have in this town, and therefore we would suggest to the people who have just caught that Spring Valley murderer that they had better not let him get into the Sheriff's office. He can buy his freedom there for the pawn licket of the murdered man's

FOREIGN POLICY AND PRACE. - The govern nent will guard Mr. Casanova. It has instructed Admiral Hoff to keep an eye on that case, and this, of course, is all right. What more does anybody want? No matter that the man is in prison and suffering outrage and tyranny. It is all right. The government feels very easy about it. True, it takes a more active interest in some other thingsguarding Spanish territory, for instance, and doing the small chores of creation generally. All our monitors can be put on duty to protect Spain in her soil, and it would be too much, perhaps, to require that Spain should do instant justice to us. Let her take her time. Casanova can wait. If he cannot, so much the worse for

GRANT'S PLAN.-The proverb has always urged us to give a rogue rope enough and so save the hangman trouble, and to set beggars on horseback and thus get them out of the country. This is Grant's policy as to certain laws. In the appointment of his nigger postmasters he gives an extreme view of the effect of laws to give niggers civil rights, and in the appointment of Longstreet an equally extreme view of the policy of forgiveness, amnesty, &c. Logically alike, these two classes of appointments, yet rather jumble public notions in their dissimilarity which side is favored. Perhaps the President wisely favors neither, but plays the two sides off each against the other.

HOFFMAN ON PRISONS .- The Governor asks for a new prison. We wish he would do something towards correcting the abuses in those we have, or else that he would come out honestly and call his new institution not a prison but a slaughter house.

CULPABLE NEGLECT. -Admonitions and arguments are wasted apparently on those who use nitro-glycerine, and the example even of injury to others has no effect. But perhaps an example of the infliction of a severe penalty by the law would have another result. There is no hope that the authorities will either enact or enforce a law making this substance as dangerous to its owners as it proves to others; but we would like to see the family of some sufferer instituting a civil suit for damages. If the contractor who employed the blacksmith just killed in Hudson were made to pay ten thousand dollars for the loss of that man's life other contractors would take notice of the fact.

Sheriff's Fees .- There is some talk about increasing the fees of the Sheriff of this county. What an absurdity! The office is now worth fifty thousand dollars a year, with pickings and stealings, Eldridge street jail plunder and an escapade by a prisoner now and then thrown in. Instead of being increased the fees of the office should be reduced.

AN EXPLANATION NECESSARY. -- Some reason is due to the public why Mr. Hale was not removed from his position at Madrid, when the evidence that he had made corrupt use of his diplomatic privileges was published in the Spanish State papers in the year 1866.

SENATOR CAMERON moved to make public the debate on the confirmation of Longstreet. He was supported in this proposition by all those who in common with him voted against the confirmation, while those who voted for it oppose publicity. Why this difference? Why is it that, while those opposed to the confirmation are willing to give their reasons to the people, the other side believes its reasons are safer in secret? Does the majority distrust the national generosity? Was the majority moved by reasons that it fears the people would not sympathize with.?

MEDICAL SCIENCE.-John Peters, say the Coroner's jurymen, "came to his death by apoplexy of the brain, superinduced by violence at the hands of a person unknown to the jury." This apoplexy, then, was a club or a paving stone. Who will deny the entity of disease now?

HANDSOMELY DONE. - The naval authorities, by their recognition of the gallant generosity of Mr. Mason, midshipman on the Guerriere, have acted almost as handsomely as did the brave young officer himself. He jumped overboard in the harbor of Rio Janeiro and saved two drowning sailors. It is no trifle to jump overboard in that harbor. Soon after such a jump a man is likely to find himself present at a shark's breakfast. It was a fine piece of self-forgetfulness-a brave, humane act; and, while this is expected of our young fellows, we are glad that the Department rewards it with mention

No REDRESS.-It is an uncomfortable piece of reading, that little story of the travels of a German emigrant and his wife in search of justice up and down, to and fro, in the wilderness of this great city. From the Commissioners of Emigration to the District Attorney and from the District Attorney to the German Consul, and overywhere disappointment and rebuff, the v ole world seeming to agree to assure the poor wanderer that he could get no redress anywhere for an outrage committed on his wife.

HACKNEY HOAXES .- Every year there is a measure carried and trumpeted for the incorporation of a cab company to give the citizens lecent public conveyance without extortion. Nobody ever sees the cabs that are expected to come of these measures, and we have a notion that this yearly law is a blind of the owners of our villanous and abominable backs. These fellows get an act put through the Legislature to head off bona fide parties, and thus preserve their plundering monopoly.

SINGULAR SUICIDE.

An Indian Arrow the Instrument of Death. Yesterday afternoon William J. Grant, a Scotch-man, thirty years of age, committed suicide at his boarding house, 201 East Broadway, by stabbing himself in the left breast with the iron head of an old Indian arrow. It is the same sad story, when foreigners, becoming despondent after their arrival in this city, because of some imaginary evil, have plunged into dissipation, and in the delirium subse-quent thereto, reflecting upon the uncertainties of this life, have accepted the certainties of an eventful this life, have accepted the certainties of an eventful future in preference. Mr. Grant, who was an intelligent person, and respectably connected at home, has been in this country but two weeks, and during this time has been excessively imprudent. A day or two since he abandoned drink, and great nervousness ensued. A doctor was consulted, medicine furnished, a nurse provided, and everything of a nature that he could possibly use to commit self-murder, except the old arrow, taken from the room. Unfortunately that was left, and while his attendant was with him, sitting by his side, Grant jumped out of bed, seized the arrow and plunged it into his breast, making a frightful wound and producing aimost instant death. The Coroner will hold an inquest on the body to-day.